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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on the above date at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

All members of council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A group of taxicab operators were present requesting that they be granted permission to operate a cab for the year beginning April 15, 1955.

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the following named drivers were granted permission to operate cabs in the City of Norton for one year beginning April 15, 1955. Paul Anderson, G. W. Bartee, G. I. Castle, Bramble Collier, Hughey Greear, O'Dell Greear, G. H. Green, Issac Elmer Heaberlin, J. C. Johnston, Walter Marshall, Nathan W. Stallard, Thomas Stidham, Emitt Swindell, David Wells, William C. Jackson.

The following named cab drivers were not granted license at this time but their operators permits were left to the discretion of the City Manager: James Albert Doby, Lester Graham and Otis F. Stallard.

Upon a motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the City of Norton accept from the Fleming Land Company the Highland Cemetery upon presentation of the deed and the existing records denoting ownership of the various lots and that the City Manager place an appropriation of \$2500 in next year's budget for the maintenance of said cemetery.

Upon a motion by Fred King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, Joe Tate was granted permission to sell beer off-premise at the  $^{\rm O}$ ak Grove Tourist Camp.

The City Manager informed council that the appropriation for hospitalization would be exhausted in the very near future but that he believed a sufficient saving had resulted in the operation of the Welfare Department so that no further appropriation would be necessary.

Upon a motion by Fred King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to investigate and have installed the necessary number of lights for the section of the City known as Round Town.

Upon a motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried #558 by umanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the City of Norton cooperate with the Highway Department in the proposed relocation of Route 23 and that \$3,000 or 50% be appropriated in next year's budget to bear the city's share of said study. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that before the relocation is established the City of Norton shall be advised as to the relocation and give its approval before any further studies or work shall be made.

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to proceed with the reappraisal of all real property in the City of Norton.

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Upon a motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried #560 by unanimous roll call vote, the City Treasurer was instructed to exonerate the real property tax on L 8 B 15 charged to E. H. Robinson for the year 1953.

Hugh Cline appeared and requested that some correction be made to the traffic light on 11th Street and Park Avenue that it took too long to change. The matter was referred to the City Manager. He also asked for a date upon which the poll tax list could be obtained and was informed that it would be ready on April 15th.

Upon a motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried #562 by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to purchase ten (10) fine-o-meter boxes to be installed on the street.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Mayor